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HONORING LEGACY DONORS
AT ANNUAL HERITAGE CLUB DINNER



The YMCA of South Palm Beach County was proud to host its annual Heritage Club Dinner this spring, bringing together members and supporters for an evening of appreciation and celebration. Graciously hosted by Mary Morrell Blum at the beautiful Delray Dunes Golf & Country Club, the event recognized those who have chosen to create a lasting impact through planned and legacy giving.

Guests enjoyed an elegant cocktail reception and dinner while celebrating the generosity and vision of Heritage Club members whose future commitments help ensure the YMCA can continue serving generations to come. The evening also welcomed and recognized new Heritage Club members with the presentation of commemorative pins.

A special highlight of the event was the presentation of the Peter Blum Legacy Award to Amy and Tim Devlin in recognition of their extraordinary dedication to the YMCA, steadfast support of the Heritage Club, and commitment to strengthening the YMCA's Endowment Fund.

To learn more about including the YMCA in your estate plans and becoming a member of the Heritage Club, visit YMCASPBC.ORG/PLANNEDGIVING



TEAMWORK BEYOND THE COURT IN PUERTO RICO





Competition, service, and personal growth came together this past June as a group of teen athletes from the Boynton YMCA returned from their fourth annual basketball trip to Puerto Rico, where they represented the YMCA of South Palm Beach County both on and off the court.

The team proudly earned a second-place finish in a highly competitive local basketball tournament, facing talented teams from across Puerto Rico. Beyond the victories on the court, the experience challenged the teens to grow in confidence and resilience.

The adventure began long before tip-off. After gathering at the Boynton Y at 2:30am for an early morning flight, the team arrived in Puerto Rico and took the court for its first game that same evening. Despite the demanding travel schedule, the group embraced every opportunity the trip had to offer.

YMCA of South Palm Beach County Board of Trustee member and facilitator of this annual trip, Daniel Huck, reflects on a meaningful moment when the team visited a local summer camp in Naranjito. "Spending time with the camp children quickly became a favorite experience for many of the players, reinforcing the importance of giving back and creating connections beyond the game. The team hopes to expand this service component during future visits." Throughout the week, the players also established relationships with local basketball programs that could create additional opportunities for future international competition.

Aside from basketball, the trip included an unforgettable excursion to Puerto Rico's rainforest, where the teens stepped outside their comfort zones by climbing, swimming, using rope swings, and even jumping from cliffs into the water.

We are grateful for all of our donors and supporters who help make experiences like this possible. Together, we are helping young people build confidence, develop leadership skills, serve others, and create memories that will last a lifetime.



IMPORTANT DATES

August 6, 2026

As part of Boca Chamber Festival Days in support of the Y, **Casino Night** will be held at The Delray Genesis Club at Flagler Credit Union Stadium, Florida Atlantic University.

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October 16 & 24, 2026

The DeVos Blum Family Y and Peter Blum Family Y will host **Halloween at the Y** for the community.

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November 7, 2026

Presented by JM Family Enterprises, **Corporate Cup Challenge** is our Y's premier adult field day that will be held at the Peter Blum Family YMCA.

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December 6 & 12, 2026

The DeVos Blum Family Y and Peter Blum Family Y will host **Breakfast with Santa.**

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Visit our website for the latest updates on YMCA events and activities: YMCASPBC.ORG/EVENTS

OVER $75,000 INVESTED IN SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES FOR CARIDAD YOUTH



For many families, summer can bring challenges in finding affordable, safe, and enriching opportunities for their children. Thanks to more than $75,000 in collective grant support from the Batchelor Foundation, Polozker Fund, Stoops Family Foundation, Town of Palm Beach United Way, and Walter & Adi Blum Foundation, children and teens referred through Caridad Center are enjoying a summer filled with learning, friendship, and discovery at the YMCA.

This generous funding provides youth from hardworking migrant and underserved families throughout South Palm Beach County with access to high-quality summer camp experiences at no cost to their families. From physical activity and creative enrichment to swimming, leadership development, and new friendships, campers are building skills and confidence that extend far beyond the summer months.

Just as important, these young people are surrounded by caring mentors and positive



role models who encourage them to explore their potential, develop new strengths, and believe in what they can achieve.

Our YMCA is deeply grateful to these community partners for their investment in local children and families. Their generosity is helping ensure that every child has the opportunity to learn, grow, belong, and thrive.

CVC 2026: BRINGING TEENS BACK TO THE FOLD

*written by **Kelley Marcellus***



Local teens traveled to the YMCA's Christian Values Conference (CVC) at the Y's Blue Ridge Assembly conference center in Black Mountain, North Carolina. Departing July 11 from the DeVos-Blum Family YMCA in Boynton Beach, the 35-person delegation comprised of teens and college-aged and adult chaperones spent the week with more than 300 others from across the Southeast United States to step out of the ordinary.

Teens retreated into the natural beauty of the Blue Ridge mountains on the Assembly's historic campus and participated in outrageously themed mixers, laugh-out-loud sing alongs, an unconventional field-day, and a dressed-up banquet while exploring the conference's "Leaves the 99" theme inspired by the Cory Asbury worship song Reckless Love. They learned how labels can help or harm, how to shed those that don't apply, and how to build the relationships, inspirations, and focus that create connections when circumstances and stresses leave them feeling lonely, lost, or different.

The conference concluded on July 17 with final songs in an outdoor amphitheater with joyful voices filling the twilight mountain air followed by a fire of friendship bonfire, where teens were inspired to bring the magic of the mountain—as well as their newly formed CVC friendships—back home to their communities, making them ready to navigate real-life stresses and challenges. One first-year delegate described the conference experience as "the best week of his life."



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**As of July 31, 2026*

Friendly Otter Makes a Splash at the Y for Water Safety

In honor of National Water Safety Month, our Boca & Boynton Y Preschool classes had a special visitor, Josh the Otter, to talk about the importance of learning how to swim and water safety. Our YMCA would like to thank the Rotary Club of Downtown Boca Raton for their generous sponsorship and partnership in helping keep children safer in and around the water!





A Hole in One Golf Classic

What a day on the course! Thank you to everyone who joined us for the 2026 YMCA Golf Classic at Indian Spring Country Club. From an incredible day of golf to amazing community support, this event was truly On Par for Impact! A huge thank you to our Presenting Sponsor, Plastridge Insurance, for helping make this event possible.







Honoring Hispanic Heritage at the Y

The Peter Blum Family YMCA came alive as our community gathered for Baila Conmigo, a night full of Latin culture, music, and connection. From live music by Los Mompirris to high-energy sets by DJ Kris Prime, the night was nonstop. Families enjoyed the Market Place, incredible Latin cuisine, the Family Zone, and a Master Zumba class that turned into a full dance party. A huge thank you to our Event Chair Fernanda Macedo and all of our amazing sponsors, vendors, and community partners who made it all possible.



